

Santa Clara County



SANTA CLARA
Valley Transportation Authority

Key Transportation 2030 Issues

Background:

- VTA is the fourth largest transit operator in the Bay Area with a service area that covers one-quarter of the Bay Area's population. VTA also builds and improves highways, works with the cities and the county on integrating transportation and land-use decisions, and is the Congestion Management Agency for the county.

Balance Needs of the County:

- The building of BART to Milpitas, San Jose, and Santa Clara continues to be a high priority for our county.
- At the same time that we are building new transit, we must balance the needs for our other programs, which include highway, local streets and county roads, expressways, bicycle and pedestrian projects, and our new Community Design and Transportation Program.

Maximize Flexibility:

- As MTC is deciding on the Transportation 2030 Regional Program Investment Scenario, VTA is looking for maximum local flexibility. In addition, VTA wants to see effectiveness and efficiencies of the regional programs as they relate to our county residents.
- **Because** VTA's local 30-year sales tax measure, which takes effect in 2006, will fund transit projects only, a county measure was passed in 2002 requiring VTA to put all state and federal discretionary money towards non-transit projects until 2036. Therefore, our county share of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) money will be spent on pedestrian, bicycle and roadway projects, instead of being allocated under usual MTC policy guidelines.

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Public Meetings:

VTA will hold public outreach meetings in spring 2004 to discuss the Transportation 2030 Plan and the Valley Transportation Plan 2030. Schedules and agendas for these meetings will be posted on the VTA Web site at [www.vta.org/VTP 2030](http://www.vta.org/VTP%202030). To determine whether a Transportation 2030/VTP 2030 item is on the agenda for a regularly scheduled meeting, please check the VTA Web site for agendas and meeting times and locations. Normal meeting schedules are as follows:

- **VTA Board:** 1st Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 70 W. Hedding Street, San Jose.
- **Citizens Advisory Committee:** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in Room B-104, VTA Administration Complex, 3331 N. First Street, San Jose.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee:** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. in Room B-104, VTA Administration Complex, 3331 N. First Street, San Jose.

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